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Our Docket No. 20030084.ORI

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Harmston
S.N. : 10/077,735 ✓
Filed : 02/19/2002
For : Tree Ladder

Art Unit 3634

Examiner Thompson

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 4/1/2003.

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REMARKS

The examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 112 for an improper means clause relating to standoff/strap/connector.

The claims have been amended to put the claims in proper form.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-12 as being anticipated by Morris.

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Claims 1-12 have been cancelled. New claims 13-16 have been added. The claims have been redrafted by adding details of how the rope is fastened around the tree without having to climb up the ladder to attach the ropes. This feature is missing from the claims first submitted by the applicant and is not found in Morris. In Morris a person has to climb the ladder and